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TAGS: PORG, PDV WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SOUTH AFRICA PRESS SAYS WEST DELIVERED NOTE
ON WALVIS BAY

THE STAR JULY 19 CARRIED FOLLOWING ARTICLE:

BEGIN TEXT:

BIG FIVE ASSURANCE TO SA ON WALVIS

TOP LEVEL ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY THE WESTERN
FIVE CONTRACT GROUP TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ON
WALVIS BAY BEING A SEPARATE ISSUE TO THE SWA/NAMIBIA
SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS.

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IT IS UNDERSTOOD A NOTE WAS DELIVERED TO THE SOUTH
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THIS WEEK REAFFIRMING IN BLACK AND
WHITE THAT THE PROPOSALS ACCEPTED BY SWAPO WERE THE
SAME AS THOSE ACCEPTED BY SOUTH AFRICA IN APRIL.

THE NOTE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SPELLED OUT THAT THE

QUESTION OF WHETHER WALVIS BAY WOULD BE INCORPORATED
IN THE TERRITORY COULD BE WORKED OUT IN SEPARATE
NEGOTIATIONS AFTER SWA/NAMIBIA GAINS INDEPENDENCE.

HOPEFUL

IT WOULD BE A MATTER TO BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE
SOVEREIGN STATES OF SOUTH AFRICA AND SWA/NAMIBIA.
OBSERVERS HAVE INTERPRETED THE MOVE AS A HOPEFUL SIGN
THAT WALVIS BAY IS BEING REMOVED AS A POTENTIAL
STUMBLING BLOCK IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL WHEN THE
COUNCIL MEETS ON SWA/NAMIBIA INDEPENDENCE SOON.

THE NOTE FOLLOWED VERBAL EXCHANGES AT THE
WEEKEND BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
MR. PIK BOTHA, AND WESTERN FIVE REPRESENTATIVES
IN PRETORIA IN WHICH MR. BOTHA IS SAID TO HAVE
REPEATED THAT THE QUESTION OF WALVIS BAY COULD FORM
NO PART OF A UN RESOLUTION LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE.

THE QUESTION OF WALVIS BAY BECAME WHAT MR. BOTHA
CALLED A SHADOW OVER SETTLEMENT PROSPECTS WHEN IT WAS
RAISED IN LUANDA LAST WEEK BY SWAPO PRESIDENT,
MR. SAM NUJOMA.

OBSERVERS POINTED OUT AT THE TIME THAT NOT ONLY
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MR. NUJOMA BUT OTHER PARTIES IN SWA/NAMIBIA INCLUDING
THE NAMIBIAN NATIONAL FRONT AND THE DEMOCRATIC
TURNHALLE ALLICANCE ALSO CLAIMED THE PORT FOR THE
TERRITORY.

AFTER THREE WEEKS, REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN
SWA/NAMIBIA IS NEARING THE CRITICAL 50 PERCENT
MARK. MORE THAT 214,013 PEOPLE HAD REGISTERED BY
FRIDAY. END TEXT.
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